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Dear Parents,

Welcome back from the half term break, I hope you had a very enjoyable break.

This week Class 1 have been beginning to look at letter writing, using the book 'Dear Zoo'. They have also been learning about time and have also made some bunting!

Year 2 children will be taking SATs tests next week, to enable accurate end of year assessments. Please ensure your child has ample sleep and a good breakfast to help them do their best. We don't highlight the tests too much to the children, preferring to keep them low key and therefore worry free! However, if they could be well rested and fed it will help.

Class 2 have watched David Attenborough's 'Natures Greatest Events' and found it really interesting, but sad. The film told about how lion cubs have to keep up with the lioness to survive. It also showed how lions team up to kill their prey, and wildebeests crossing the river, while trying to avoid crocodiles. Afterwards they watched how the programme was filmed and had a class discussion about whether the camera crew should have intervened to help the sick lion cub.

PC Steve Speariett visited the school for the last time this week, as he is retiring from the police force in the middle of June. PC Steve has been the Neighbourhood Beat Manager for many years and has worked closely with the school during that time. During his visits the children have learnt about cycling safety and also had the opportunity to say goodbye. We would like to thank him for all his help over the years.

We have also said a 'goodbye' to a member of staff this week – although we will still see her in the playground as a mum for another few weeks! Elaine Fogarty has done a fantastic job at keeping our school clean and sparkly for a number of years and we are very sorry that she has decided to hand over the dusters to someone else. Thank you Elaine for all your hard work.

Our new caretaker, Mr Andrew Jarman, will begin work at the school next week. To fit round his other jobs he will be cleaning Farway early in the morning, but if you do see him please make him feel welcome.

Don't forget that Class 2 are going on their trip to Branscombe on Monday for 'Musical in a Day'. The children will need to have returned their SOE3 forms and bring a packed lunch with them on Monday. Parents are welcome to join us at Branscombe Village Hall at 2pm to watch the performance.

Do have a browse at our new website. The address is www.farway.devon.sch.uk Once there you will also find the newsletters, lunch menus, term dates and most of the forms you may need, as well as suggestions on how you can contribute to your child's learning at home.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Farway School

Class 2 Question for the week -

How do we know what life was like thousands of years ago?

Invigorite

Over the last couple of months some children from Farway have joined others from across the Honiton Learning Community at 'Invigorite'. This is an opportunity for year five and six children to go and to learn new ways to improve their writing.

At 'Invigorite' we did activities such as 'Three Word Wednesday' which is where we write down three words to describe our day so far. An example of 'Three Word Wednesday' could be "inspiring, enjoyable, satisfying". There is another activity called the 'Initials Game' where we use our initials and put a word for each initial that describes your personality.

During Invigorite we have kept a journal that is full of our work and ideas for writing. This is our personalised journal which is full of ideas and inspiration. We have found this approach really helpful and it has increased our independence with writing skills.

The course has also helped us meet new people and make friends, which could really help our upcoming secondary school journey. It is a great opportunity to learn different aspects of writing. The course helped us with poetry and it taught us how to make poetry rhyme, make sense and much more.

This week we went to Lyme Regis to get inspiration for our short stories. We were considering the theme 'lost'. One activity was to choose a pebble from the beach and write words linked to this theme that we thought of whilst sitting on the beach. Being in a beautiful environment helped to give us lots of ideas for our writing.

We've really benefited by going to Invigorite because our writing has really improved and made it full of imagination. We really enjoy going to Invigorite because we go to different places with different backgrounds and atmospheres. Next week we are having a celebration event where we can share all the writing we have produced. This is an experience that has really helped us and made us want to write more.



By Elliot Holdsworth, Saskia Spiller and Ross Hurford

Key Dates

Mrs Gray will be at Farway on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, and Miss Prince will be spending her Head of Teaching and Learning day at Branscombe on Wednesday 10th June.

Monday 8th June – Stone Age Musical in a Day at Branscombe Village Hall for Class 2

Sunday 21st June – Over the Hill and Farway 10K run

FARWAY EVENTS

Its *See The Future's* 2nd Annual 5 A Side Football Tournament and Family Fun Day at Offwell AFC this Saturday 6th June start time 11 till 5.....

If you fancy getting a team together there is still time to register or bring the family up as we have plenty to do, we have great food, bar, music, twirlstars performing, stalls, face painting, bouncy castle and much more.

Money raised all goes to See The Future, a Honiton Based Charity.

For more information please see the poster at Farway School, or you can contact Leanne through info@seethefuture.co.uk

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Just a reminder that the bar will be open this Friday from 7.30pm

The second leg of the Tri Club Challenge will be taking place with TTR/Woodenders/Baily's playing.

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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 21 June – Over the Hill and Farway 10K Run

Saturday 25 July – Farway Flower Show & Fete

Collective Worship Activity

This half term's Worship Value is Hope. Please read the story below and talk about it with your family. If you carry out these activities at home please do send us any photos or written pieces that you do together, so that we can put them on our worship display.



READ TOGETHER...

God's Special Promise

The world that God had made was a beautiful, colourful place – brimming with life and bursting with good things. It was his precious gift given with all his love. God **hoped** that people would care for it and care for each other but now they were doing just the opposite! They were quarrelling, fighting, and spoiling everything. God saw that there was only one thing to do; to begin all over again.

But God also saw that not everyone on the earth was wicked. There was one man and his family trying to do their best to look after the world and to look after each other and to listen to him. The man's name was Noah. God told Noah to build an ark – a huge, magnificent boat. Noah was mystified because he lived miles from the ocean and was not sure why he would ever need a boat. As word got around about the enormous boat Noah's neighbours made his life miserable with their taunts and jibes. Sometimes Noah was tempted to lose **hope**, but he knew from experience that he could trust God for the future, so he and his family kept on building.

When the work was finally finished God told Noah to gather two of every kind of creature as well as all his family together and set up home in the ark. It took a long time but Noah had to just keep on trusting God. And then the first raindrops began to fall, followed by showers, then torrents and finally floods. On and on it rained for forty days and forty nights. When Noah was beginning to lose **hope** of ever seeing the sun again, the rain suddenly stopped. Noah sent out a dove and when it did not return he knew that the bird had found dry land on which to build a nest. They were safe at last!

And then a wonderful thing happened. God sent a rainbow - a beautiful, colourful bow in the sky. It was a sign of **hope** and promise. The world had been washed clean, and was all ready for a new beginning.

Bible story based on Genesis 6:1-9:17

NEXT WEEK'S MENU – Week 1 – Please fill in the order form below and return to school

MONDAY	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread
	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Salad
	Chocolate Crispy Cake
TUESDAY	2 Honiton Chipolata Sausages, Creamy Mash, Peas & Gravy
	Vegetarian Cottage Pie
	Fresh Fruit Salad
WEDNESDAY	Pick 'n' Mix Jacket Potato with Salad
	Choose from Cheese, Cheese & Beans or Cheese & Tuna
	Toffee Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Potatoes & 2 Veg
	Vegetable Hotpot
	Fruit Jelly
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers with Potato Wedges, Peas or Sweetcorn & Ketchup
	Vegetarian Sausages, Potato Wedges, Peas or Sweetcorn & Ketchup
	Iced Bun

Salad to include: Lettuce, Cucumber, Grated Carrot, Grapes, Cherry Tomatoes, Coleslaw
 Drink: 200ml Semi Skimmed Milk is included with each meal

Please order meals for _____

	Choices for Week Beginning Monday 8 th June 2015	Cost
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
	Amount Enclosed	£
	– Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council	